Wastage of Fuel at Intersections

4639. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 20 per cent of fuel used is wasted at 466 intersections in the capital;

(b) whether as per the study conducted by the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) 3.25 lakh litres of petrol and more than one lakh litres of diesel is wasted at the intersections; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to curb this wastage as also to check pollution in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) According to a study conducted by Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), New Delhi, in the year 1996, an estimated amount of 3.21 lakh litres of petrol and 1.01 lakh litres of diesel was consumed in idling of the vehicles at 466 intersections of Delhi per day. It has also been estimated by CRRI that 20 per cent. of the journey time is spent at the intersections on account of stop and delays and, as such, approximately 20% of fuel is wasted in idling of vehicles at the intersections.

(c) Construction of flyovers would help in eliminating the time being wasted at the intersections. The operationalization of Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) would further help. The ban on plying of old transport vehicles and also increasing usage of Compressed Natural gas (CNG) in buses, taxis and auto rickshaws would also help in controlling pollution in the capital. Efforts are also being made by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to streamline the pollution checking system in Delhi.

Under Utilisation of Central Fund in Constructing Highways in North Eastern States

4640. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the North Eastern State Governments are very slow in utilising the fund released by

Government for improving and constructing highways in these States;

(b) if so; the highways, indicating their locations and the funds utilised alongwith the percentage of utilisation; and

(c) what measures have been proposed to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The funds for the development of National Highways are allocated State-wise and not National Highway-wise. State-wise allocation and expenditure on the development of National Highways in the North Eastern States during 2001-2002 are as under:—

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	State	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Assam	7500.19	7500.00
2.	Manipur	1450.00	1077.00
3.	Meghalaya	2200.00	1900.00
4.	Nagaland	1500.00	1497.00
5.	Mizoram	2600.00	2143.00

(c) Various measures taken to improve the utilization of funds in the North Eastern Region include the introduction of direct payment system and stringent monitoring system.

NHs in Bihar

4641. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand for declaring more National Highways in the country;

(b) so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the demand for declaring Darbhanga-Jai Nagar, Birpur-Madhepura, Hazipur-Mushrigarari as National Highways has been considered by Government; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?